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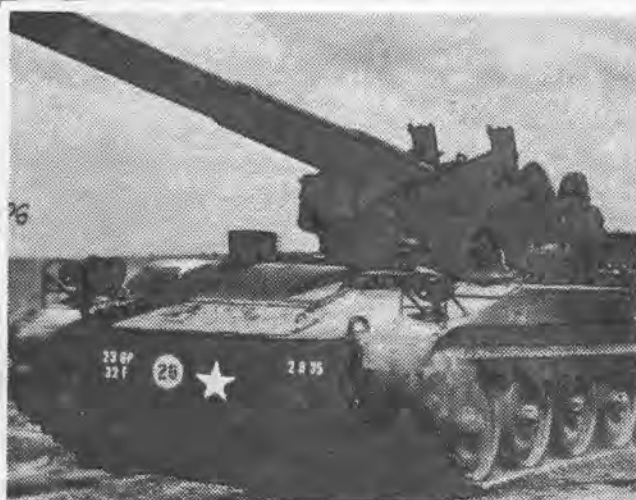
The last Vietnamese Air Force student pilot, Lt. Mai Tien Dat, to complete the combat crew training program conducted here in the A-1E Skyraider received his certificate of completion during ceremonies held at the 602nd Fighter Squadron Wednesday morning.

The presentation was made to Lieutenant Dat by Lt. Col. R. E. Wiltsie, 602nd commander. Air Force pilots from the 602nd FS were the instructors for the lieutenant's training.

It marked the end of combat crew training here for VNAF pilots, (Continued on Page 8)

20 USAF Personnel Receive Awards In Ceremonies Here

Twenty personnel assigned to the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing here were decorated Thursday morning during ceremonies conducted in front of wing headquarters. The awards were presented by Col. Robert A. Ackerly, wing commander.



NEWCOMER—A 175mm self-propelled artillery piece of the 23rd Artillery Group, USA, moves into position for first firing in the Republic of Vietnam near Bien Hoa.

Receiving the Bronze Star for outstanding achievement during the May 16 bomb disaster here, were Staff Sergeants Riley J. Bates and Joe E. Moore, both Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians.

The sergeants were cited for entering the disaster area to evaluate the situation and to locate and identify hazardous ordnance. The citation read, "Fully aware of the imminent danger, Sergeant Bates and Sergeant Moore, voluntarily remained within the disaster area and proceeded with the task of clearing the area of hazardous ordnance."

Seven personnel were awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in the disaster area. (Continued on Page 8)

A-1Es, F-5s, F-100s

Strikes Cause Heavy VC Damage

Three combat strikes flown by U. S. Air Force fighter bombers from here this week resulted in 41 Viet Cong structures destroyed, 22 damaged, 6 secondary explosions and destroyed several sampans.

On a mission last Saturday afternoon, four A-1E Skyraiders from the 1st Air Commando Squadron hit a VC concentration and storage area knocking out 18 structures, damaging 9, and causing 5 secondary explosions.

ions.

According to Lt. Col. John J. Knight, flight leader, "The target looked like a fuel dump and ammunition storage area. A lot of fires were burning when we left." He said, "The whole target was really creamed."

Other pilots on the flight were Captains Peter M. Hegseth, Dwight D. Hartzell and Kenneth R. Shatzer.

Sunday, a flight of three F-5A Freedom Fighters, led by Lt. Col. William F. Georgi, hit

a VC supply area approximately 40 miles southwest of Saigon with bombs, napalm and 20 mm high explosives destroying 19 structures (Continued on Page 5)

England's 531st TFS Here To Augment F-100 Force

The 531st Tactical Fighter Squadron (Blackhawks) arrived here Tuesday afternoon from England AFB, La., to augment the U.S. Air Force fighting force in Vietnam. They are replacing the 429th

TFS which has returned to the states.

The squadron, which flies North American F-100 Supersabres, is a unit of the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing which recently became (Continued on Page 8)

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Chaplain's Corner

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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Charles Dickens has written probably the greatest masterpiece of literature concerning Christmas - A Christmas Carol. When the third phantom, who was titled "The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come", arrived at Scrooge's door, he escorted him to a small, "flea-bitten" pawn shop in an extremely poor section of London.

At the pawn shop an old hag brought in a bag, emptied it, and desired to pawn the items. Scrooge was horrified because the articles were his and had been stripped from his own living quarters. Once again the phantom touched him and he was in his own bedroom. Lying on the bed was a cold, still, shielded form. Scrooge could not bring himself to lift the sheet and look upon the face. The phantom then said, "O cold, cold, rigid, dreadful Death, set up thine altar here, and dress it with such terrors as thou hast at thy command: for this is thy dominion! But of the loved, revered and honored head, thou canst not turn one hair to thy dread purposes, or make one feature odious. It is not that the hand is heavy and will fall down when released; it is not that the heart and pulse are still; but that the hand was open, generous, and true; the heart brave, warm and tender; and the pulse a man's. Strike, Shadow, strike! And see his good deeds springing from the wound, to sow the world with life immortal!"

Without Christmas, our view of death would still be "O cold, cold, rigid, dr-

Commander Speaks

By Col. Robert A. Ackerly
Commander, 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing

An American trait we can be proud of is our native penchant for getting things done. Last Christmas only a handful of Americans saw the New Year in at Bien Hoa. Since then our strength has grown seven fold. In that short twelve months an operation has been built here which might have seemed impossible one year ago. We recent arrivals can see that our predecessors were men who got things done. It is up to each of us to carry on that tradition. And we must get things done quickly in spite of obstacles often encountered in a combat zone. However, we do not want nor desire losses of our aircrews or others because of short cuts taken to save time. The job must be done. It must be done properly and in accordance with sound practises. A positive approach to our job and an uncompromising determination to get the job done is the only way we will successfully carry out our important mission at Bien Hoa.

The Tradition Of Giving

Christmas is a Christian religious day, but one of the traditions that has grown around it — selfless giving — is recognized by all faiths as a high point in human conduct.

To those in the armed forces this tradition of giving is a way of life. They give of their time, energy, and sometimes their lives, insuring, among other things, that Americans are free to commemorate the birth of Christ.

This year thousands of American servicemen and women will be away from home over the Christmas holiday. Many will be in other lands — some in combat.

For all military personnel, Christmas should have a special meaning; one that should temper the natural pains of homesickness with the understanding that they are giving the most valuable of gifts, something of themselves. (AFPS)

eadful Death, set up thine altar here and dress it with such terrors....". With Christ's birth we have the beginning of Christ's earthly life which consummated with his resurrection. The true spirit of Christmas involves the remembrance of his Birth, Ministry, and Resurrection. We usually think of Christmas in terms of candy, family, and tinsel. On this Christmas, let us view Christ as seeing "..... His good deeds springing from the wound, to sow the world with life immortal!"

Sergeant Gets Lots Of Mail From Supporters

When SSgt. Olin H. Rudd checked his mailbox one day last week and found that he had received over 50 Christmas cards and letters in one day, he was surprised, to say the least.

It seems as though someone had given his name and address to a local radio station, WKYI, in Buffalo, N.Y. and several people from suburban areas such as Hamburg, West Seneca and other towns and cities in western New York responded by sending these messages of good cheer for the coming holiday, along with several people from Buffalo.

So far, he has received over 225 cards and letters from six-year-old children, and housewives and parents of men stationed in Vietnam. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts also sent him gum and candy and their undivided support in the letters and cards.

Full Operation By Monday Base Finance Center Opens Here, Will Handle All Pay Matters

Base personnel will no longer have to travel to Tan Son Nhut AB to check their pay records following the arrival here this week of all pay records of personnel assigned to this base.



ASIA BOUND—Pert Joey Heather-ton is headed for the Republic of Vietnam and other areas in South Asia where U.S. Servicemen are stationed. She is joining Bob Hope in his annual Christmas USO tour.

In addition to records, 10 finance personnel also made the move here from Tan Son Nhut AB.

The new base finance office is headed by Capt. Robert B. Jaxtheimer, finance officer, while MSgt. George R. Butler is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the section.

All military pay matters will be handled here, and Captain Jaxtheimer said, "We will be in full operation by Monday." Check writing capabilities, for those personnel who have their money forwarded home by check, will remain at TSN.

Other personnel assigned to the section are Master Sergeants Robert F. Quattlebaum and Richard F. Weiss; TSgt. Jimmie L. Cooper, Staff Sergeants Hugh C. Dever III, Richard H. McKain, Charles L. Sanderson, and Joel S. Watson; Airmen First Class Raymond T. Parker, Oak A. Paul and Hugh W. Shelton Jr.; and A2C Bernard J. Lucey.

Four New Doctors Added To Base Dispensary Staff

The arrival of two doctors and two dentists here last week has brought the professional staff of the 3rd Tactical Dispensary to full strength. Both doctors are Flight Medical officers, having completed the Aerospace Medicine course at Brooks AFB Tex., in September 1965.

They are Captains Nathan W. Colwell, Robert Gillett, William Hill and John Forgach.

Doctor Colwell, a native of Madisonville, Tex., attended the University of Texas Medical School graduating in 1964. He interned at the U.S. Air Force Wilford Hall Hospital at Lackland AFB, Tex., and came here from Eglin, AFB, Fla.

Another native of Texas, Doctor Gillett arrived here from George AFB, Calif. He graduated from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston in 1964 and interned at the Methodist Hospital in Dallas.

The new base dental surgeon is Doctor Hill, a native of Delaware who now

calls Coral Gables, Florida, home. He graduated from the Ohio State College of Dentistry in 1963 and has been stationed at Homestead AFB, Fla., for the last two years.

Completing the dental staff is Doctor Forgach, of Glen Lyon, Pa. The doctor received his dental degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. in 1963 and was stationed at Griffiss AFB, N.Y. for the past two years.

Canada's satellite, Aloette II, launched from Vandenberg AFB, Calif., Nov. 28, has been detected and is being tracked by Space Defense specialists.

Colonel Wilson Named Base Personnel Chief

Lt. Col. Howard E. Wilson has been appointed Director of Personnel for the 3rd Combat Support Group here. He replaces Maj. Thomas A. Mercer, who will be come chief of the military personnel division.

Colonel Wilson arrived here from Brooks AFB, Tex., where he had been director of the military personnel division for Headquarters, Aerospace Medical Division.

A veteran of 24 and a half years service, the colonel has spent his entire career in the personnel field.

He has also served at Air Force Systems Command headquarters where he was chief, officer's promotions and separations division and colonel's assignment group.

SCHEDULES

Religious Services

The following is a schedule of religious services for Bien Hoa AB.

PROTESTANT

SATURDAY - Religious movie, 6:30 p.m. in theater. SUNDAY - Sunday School, 8:30 a.m. in EM Barber Shop; choir rehearsal, 9:15 a.m. in hobby shop; worship, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in theater. WEDNESDAY - Bible Study 7 p.m. in EM Barber Shop. MONTHLY - PMOC 7 p.m. last Monday of month-EM Barber Shop.

CATHOLIC

MASS-Sunday, 9 a.m. and 12-noon in theater and 5 p.m. in VNAF Chapel; 5 p.m. daily mass in VNAF Chapel; THURSDAY-Catholic Biblical Seminar, 7:30 p.m. in Information Office. TUESDAY and FRIDAY-Discussion and Inquiry Classes, 7:30 p.m.-Information Office.

LATTER DAY SAINTS

SUNDAY-Preisthood meeting at 8 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. All meetings are held in the HSAS Library in the James E. Bailey Compound. For further information contact Capt. Ray Young at extension 7151.

JEWISH

SAIGON-May contact Chaplain's Office for schedule, telephone 7211.

EM Open Mess

TODAY - Happy Hour, 6-7 p.m., "Sons of the South" western band at 8 p.m. SATURDAY - "Downbeats V - instrumentalists and the "Originals" - vocalists at 7:30 p.m. SUNDAY - Jimmy Glen and his "Rice Patty Ramblers" at 7:30 p.m. MONDAY and WEDNESDAY - Happy Hour 6-7 p.m. THURSDAY - Open night at the mess.

Officers' Open Mess

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, "Happy Hour", from 5 - 6:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY-Walter Zachery singing and playing your requests and old favorites for your listening pleasure.

Snack Bar

MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY - Open 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 3:30 p.m. - 7 a.m. Closed for cleaning purposes only.

Dining Hall

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY - Breakfast, 5:30-7:30 a.m.; dinner, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. supper, 4:30 - 6 p.m. SUNDAYS and HOLIDAYS the same except breakfast is served 5:30-8:30 a.m.



TODAY - THE WILD AFFAIR with Nancy Kwan and Terry Thomas. DRAMA: Nancy Kwan, employed by a London cosmetics firm, has in her mind the desire to have a last fling before she marries. The firm's Christmas party provides her with the right time, right place and with the right people.

SUNDAY - TV FILMS

MONDAY - LOVE HAS MANY FACES with Lana Turner and Cliff Robertson. DRAMA: The bright warm sands of a Mexican resort provide the proper setting for hustling beach boys and wealthy women searching for adventure. Wealthy Lana Turner, extortionist Hugh O' Brian, and Cliff Robertson as a former beach boy, provide a well balanced cast.

TUESDAY - TOWN TAMER with Dana Andrews and Bruce Cabot. DRAMA: The desperate world of gun law in which Dana Andrews' fight to live takes tragic toll when a bullet meant for him, kills his wife. This is only the first skirmish in further attempts by the ruthless Kansas desperado Riley Condor (Bruce Cabot) to eliminate his mortal enemy. In a roaring climax, Andrews faces Cabot and his gun-hands in a saloon.

"Personnel error is the primary cause of explosive accidents."

Base Guides Available

Guides on most stateside Air Force bases are available in the Office of Information, hut 137, for those desiring to check bases before forecasting.

Navy Exchange

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY - Open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. SATURDAY - Open 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Dispensary

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY - Open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Sick call hours, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Emergencies: A medic and physician are on call 24 hours a day.

Special Services

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY - Special Services 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; SUNDAY, 12 - noon - 4:30 p.m., building 421. SEVEN DAYS A WEEK - Weight and conditioning room, 2-9 p.m., building 421. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY - Library open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Civil Engineers Erect Four New Buildings Here This Week

Base Civil Engineering personnel have been busy this week putting up a new type of building on base. Called expandable shelters, they are of a Poly Styrene foam material and can be uncanted, and assembled by three people in approximately four hours time.

When finished, the building measures 17 x 32 feet, has 10 windows, a door at each end, and its own floor made of a plastic material. Four of the buildings were completed here this week, with three of them being used as quarters for members of the 4503rd Tactical Fighter Squadron and one for a maintenance facility.

A team of personnel from base civil engineering, headed by SSgt. Gerald H. Stewart, was responsible for erecting the structures.

According to engineering officials, the structural integrity of the shelter is achieved by scoring the panel materials and folding certain portions to create beams and columns.

ams and columns.

The crate the building comes packed in is also part of the finished product, with portions of the crate being used to make shelves inside the structure.

Made of extremely light weight material, the whole building weighs only 1,200 pounds when crated and ready for shipment, and can be moved in a pickup truck. In all, 10 of these buildings were delivered here from Tan Son Nhut AB by one flat bed truck.

et cetera...



"WELL, I ASKED FOR A PROMOTION, LIKE YOU SAID. AND I DIDN'T GET IT, LIKE YOUR MOTHER SAID. AND I GOT BUSTED, LIKE I SAID."

PLAN NOW....BUILD BUNKERS

38 Captains Here Picked For Major

Thirty-eight captains assigned to various units here have been selected for promotion to major. Some of them have already put on their new insignia.

Those captains selected were Gail C. Anderson, Robert V. Arbuckle, James C. Barnes, Mar S. Barthello Jr., Willis A. Boyd, Herbert S. Bryant, Richard L. Cameron, Glen M. Cheney, Ronald L. Crozier, Donald G. Duff, Vincent J. Gallo, Edward A. Gellings, John W. Hawkins, James O. Hays, James O. Henry, James N. Hicks, Jr., John E. Higgins, John F. Huppertz and Robert B. Jaxtheimer.

Others were Maurice G. Kessler, Murvin J. Kimbrell, Bert D. Lassman, Jay B. Ledbetter Jr., William D. Mason, Kenneth H. McArn, Dale G. Nelson, Louis R. Raleigh, William J. Richardson, Donald O. Risser, John C. Ross, Ernest J. Sewell, Stuart W. Shadbolt, Jack W. Sheppard, Billy R. Strickland, Robert F. Svaska, Bruce M. Wallace Jr.,

High School Students Send Gifts To 1st ACS Personnel

Members of the 1st Air Commando Squadron here will receive a Christmas present this year as the result of the student body at Mt. Vernon High School, Mt. Vernon, Wash. The students undertook the project as part of the Counter Protest Movement and in recognition of Veteran's Day.

It was coordinated by the social studies class at the school.

All the items collected were sent to SSgt. Michael L. Custance, 1st ACS AC-47 section flight engineer, a graduate of Mount Vernon High. His brother Patrick is now a senior at the school.

In all the students sent 50 two-pound fruit cakes, 96 pounds of homemade and purchased candy, 70 large tins of cookies, 3 cases of soap and numerous paperback books.

Sergeant Custance will distribute all of the items to members of the 1st ACS and what is left over will be given to the Ho Nai orphanage which the squadron helps support.

.....COMBAT STRIKES.....

(Continued from Page 1) and damaging nine.

The flight drew ground fire from what was thought to be a .50 cal. machine gun, and they were able to suppress the fire. Other pilots on the mission were Captains Samuel T. Gore and Leonard R. Wilson.

Three F-100 Supersabres, from the 510th Tactical Fighter Squadron raided a VC encampment and storage area 135 miles southwest of Bien Hoa Monday and destroyed 4 structures, damaged 4, destroyed several sampans and caused 1 secondary explosion.

Pilots on the flight were Captains Gary W. Findlay, flight leader; Samuel E. Armistead Jr., and William D. Mason. The pilots reported a fireball of white smoke from the secondary explosion that rose almost 1,000 feet in the air.

James B. Wheeler, and Doctor Calvin C. Chapman.

The United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI) now offers revised Algebra I and Algebra II.

About Vietnam

Saigon Offers Many Attractions

For a small country, Vietnam has a great variety of attractions - none of them far away from wherever you are. Saigon offers fascinating shops and markets; Hue, great sight-seeing possibilities. There is tiger and elephant hunting in the high plateaus, and sunning and bathing at the quiet white-sand beaches along the country's thousand miles of coastline.

You may be able to visit a tribal village in a remote mountain area, or skin-dive from an island in the South China Sea.

Saigon is the capital and largest city of Vietnam. With its twin city of Cholon (meaning "big market"), it lies about 50 miles inland from the South China Sea on the navigable Saigon River. It is a busy commercial port and has all of the hustle and bustle of a port city plus a lot of color and confusion uniquely its own.

The water traffic on the river includes about 1,300 ocean-going vessels a year as well as assorted small boats, junks, and fishing craft. On the city streets the traffic is even more varied. There are motor scooters, pedicabs, bicycles, automobiles--and pedestrians in Asia and Western dress or something in between. From the sidelines, the relaxed patrons of the many sidewalk cafes sip their tea or beer and watch the world go by.

Saigon has museums where you can see relics of past civilizations, including the Cham. Or you may wander along Duong Tu Do (Liberty Street), the fashionable shopping center, theater, and cafe area.

The National Assembly and other offices of the Government are located nearby. At one end of Tu Do stands the post office and Catholic Cathedral. Not far from the Cathedral is the executive mansion, named Independence Palace.

A place you cannot miss is the Marche Central Saig-

onnais. Here, under a single roof of a clean-lined modern building, you can buy an amazing variety of things: fish, brassware, vegetables, a length of cloth, and a hundred other necessities or luxury items.

Welcome

The following personnel are recent arrivals to Bien Hoa Air Base:

Lt. Col. Howard E. Wilson.

Captains Bert D. Lassman, James H. Poteet, Stuart W. Shadbolt, Louis K. Kanar, Paul DaSan Martino Jr., Carl E. Young, Sherwood W. Hall, Russell S. Schultz, Robert L. Gray, Michael V. Gleason, Robert T. Thomason and Donald O. Risser.

First Lieutenants George R. Dixon and Walter Wackeen.

Chief Warrant Officer Charles W. Hubbard.

Master Sergeant Gordon S. LeMaire.

Technical Sergeants Stanley Ryzak, Patrick A. Creamer, Rudolph W. Bomarc, Howard J. Thompson and James R. Jackson.

Staff Sergeants Milton L. Robertson, Thomas E. Griffin, David F. Rees, Alfred L. Abott, Walter E. Shockley, Charles A. Tolle, Miguel U. Valencia, James W. Anderson, Wilbert Bowman and Terrence M. Carraway.

Airmen First Class Lloyd W. Reese, Robert P. Hughes, Robert G. Cayler, James H. Owens, William Patton, Bobby L. Ambrose, David A. Duvall, Wilbur H. Akley, Buris D. Cole, Ernest W. Haynes, Raymond E. Fraser, Grady D. Ulm and Shelton R. Otwell.

Airmen Second Class Dale L. Hostetter, Bobby Bass, Terry A. Malason, Robert L.

SPOTLIGHT

(Editor's Note: This is one in a series of articles on airmen who, along with their higher ranking counterparts, are also making large contributions to the unit mission.)

The Bugle Spotlight this week falls on A1C Joseph L. Page, a personal equipment specialist assigned to the 3rd Supply Squadron, base equipment management office (BEMO) section.

Airman Page arrived at Bien Hoa on Dec. 18, 1964. He came here from Dow AFB, Maine, serving four years there, where he performed duties similar to his here. While he was at Dow, one of his favorite past-times was fishing and another of his hobbies is bowling. Also he was on base judo team and holds a second degree brown belt.

After basic at Lackland, Airman Page was assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill. where he attended the personal equipment tech school, learning to maintain and inspect survival equipment and brief aircrews on their proper use. From Chanute, he was assigned to Niagara Falls Municipal Airport, performing PE duties there. He also participated in "Operation Sky Shield" the joint operation including the Canadian and U.S. Air Force units of NORAD.

Airman Page is married to the former Marjorie I. Jackson of Philadelphia, Pa., and they have two children, a boy and a girl.

The 25-year-old native of Wilmington, N.C. is the son of Mrs. Minnie I. Page also of Wilmington.

Meusebeck, Mark J. Kosina, Bruce P. Haibach, Bobby D. Hirtriter, Carter W. Wilson Jr., Richard Kujawa and Perry M. Todd.

Airmen Third Class Bobby R. Carswell, Donald E. Anderson, John M. Spires, Jerry L. Wampler, Henry E. Heustess Jr., and Lonny E. Young.



4503rd TFS Men Teach English To Vietnamese

Two members of the 45-03rd Tactical Fighter Squadron here have recently become faculty members in a free high-school level educational program for Vietnamese Air Force personnel.

First Lieutenant Walter R. Eichner and SSgt. Thomas E. Kashin are acting as foreign language instructors, teaching two English classes a night, Monday-Friday.

Lieutenant Eichner and Sergeant Kashin are here on Project Skoshi Tiger, a combat evaluation of the F-5A tactical fighter.

Lieutenant Eichner is teaching an advanced class and a beginner class, while Sergeant Kashin is teaching two beginner-level classes. Since the beginners understand virtually no English and the instructors understand virtually no Vietnamese, audio-lingual techniques are used, similar to those used to teach foreign languages in many U.S. schools.

Lead In Basketball League Changes Hands; HS On Top

The lead for first place in the base intra-mural basketball league changed hands Wednesday night when Headquarters Squadron defeated Materiel Squadron 41-36.

It was the second victory of the week for the Headquarters team moving them to

SPORTS QUIZ

(AFPS Weekly Feature)

1. How many trips has Notre Dame made to the Rose Bowl?
2. What Boston Red Sox relief pitcher has never started a major league game?
3. Who is the only player ever to win the U.S. Women's Open golf championship two years in succession?
4. How many false starts must the first runner in a relay team make to disqualify the entire team?
5. What National Football League team plays its home games in two different cities?

ANSWERS

1. The Fighting Irish played in the Rose Bowl once in 1925 when they downed Stanford, 27-10.
2. Dick Radatz.
3. Mickey Wright in 1958 and 1959.
4. Two.
5. The Green Bay Packers play home games in both Green Bay and County Stadium in Milwaukee.

Hurlburt To Host Combat Crew School

Tactical Air Command's special air warfare capabilities will be expanded late this year when the 4410th Combat Crew Training School is activated at Hurlburt Field, Fla. The 1st Air Commando Wing will move temporarily to England AFB, La., to provide

space for the new training unit. The 4410th will provide training for TAC's special air warfare crews enroute to Vietnam and other overseas areas. (AFNS)

Jack Hoerner led the winners with 14 points while Andy Horbath took game honors, hitting 15 in a losing cause.

After losing their first six games of the season, Communications came from behind Wednesday night to hand the Air Police Squadron its fourth straight loss, 44-43.

With four seconds left in the game and trailing 43-42, Henry Vicellio was fouled and stepped to the charity line and made both tosses good to pull out the victory. Game scoring honors went to Buford McClain of the APs with 17 points, while Vicellio paced the winners with 12.

In the battle for first place Wednesday night, Headquarters led throughout the contest, coming away with an easy victory. High point man for the night was Robert Lambert of Materiel with 13. Larry Price hit a total of 12 for Headquarters.

Next week's schedule is as follows:

Mon. - 1877th Comm. Sq. vs Materiel Sq.

Wed. - Air Police vs Materiel Sq.

No game scheduled Friday.

STANDINGS

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Hq. Squadron	6	2
Materiel Sq.	5	3
Air Police	4	4
1877th Comm. Sq.	1	7

space for the new training unit. The 4410th will provide training for TAC's special air warfare crews enroute to Vietnam and other overseas areas. (AFNS)

"The Americans in Plei Me credited the planes with saving the camp." (Robin Mannock, AP, 27 Oct.)

Last VNAF Student Pilot Ends Training

...(Continued from Page 1)... which has been conducted by both the 1st Air Commando Squadron and the 602nd FS, for the past year and a half.

During this period approximately 200 VNAF students have completed the course and been assigned to VNAF combat units throughout the country.

The training consisted of transition into the A-1E from the T-28, and training in instruments, formation flying, and navigation. Following this they progressed into Phase II training, which covered the delivery of ordnance.

Various types of ordnance delivery techniques were practiced such as dive bombing, skip bombing and strafing. The training program concluded with the students flying combat missions against the Viet Cong.

During the three month period the students would usually fly 56 missions and log approximately 85 hours of flying time.

Maj. Perrin W. Gower, USAF training officer here, was in charge of the students training and kept a close watch on their progress.

Sergeant Christensen Crew Chief On F-5A

Presently serving in Vietnam with the 4503rd Tactical Fighter Squadron is SSgt. Dennis A. Christensen. A veteran of six years service, Sergeant Christensen came to the 4503rd from Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Sergeant Christensen is a F-5A aircraft crew chief and is responsible for the maintenance and readiness of his aircraft. The squadron's first F-5 fighter to fly 100 combat missions was his bird. "I was real proud to be the first crew chief of the squadron to have my plane fly its 100th combat mission," Sergeant Christensen said.

CONSERVE WATER

20 Personnel Decorated Here

...(Continued from Page 1)... pating in sustained aerial flight as combat crew members in Southeast Asia.

Receiving the Air Medal were Captains Richard A. Ingram and Robert N. Middlebrooks; 1st Lt. Steven R. Mackenroth, Technical Sergeants Kenneth L. Perkins and Jack D. Starcher; SSgt. William F. Shanley Jr., and A2C William H. Pitsenbarger.

The Air Force Commendation Medal was awarded to 10 personnel for meritorious service, and one for heroism.

Capt. Van L. Brown received the Commendation Medal for heroism for his actions during the May 16 disaster here.

Receiving the medal for



meritorious service at their last duty stations were Maj. Lewis S. Daugherty, 1st Lt. Michael P. Katz, CWO Arthur F. Beckman, CMSgt. Eugene C. Be-thea, MSgt. Daniel F. Smith, TSgt. Donald E. Metz, Staff Sergeants Leroy N. Burrell, William D. Cole and Robert H. Hoffmann, and A1C Norman A. Warren.

531ST TFS Arrives Here From England

...(Continued from Page 1)... the parent USAF organization at this huge Vietnamese fighter base.

This marks the second time this year that the Black-hawks have been in Vietnam, having served a temporary duty tour at DaNang AB during February and March.

The Squadron was reactivated at Misawa AB, Japan in 1958, and served there as part of the 39th Air Division until being returned to the States in June 1964, for duty with the Tactical Air Command.

Lt. Col. Charles R. White, is the squadron commander.

MARS Member Needed

The base here is programmed for a MARS Station in the near future and officials are desperately in need of a MARS member to operate the station.

Any MARS members interested, should contact the 1877th Communications Squadron, Telcomm Operations at extension 7280 or 7178.

MAIL THE BUGLE HOME

FROM:

TO: _____

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8 Cents Airmail
5 Cents First Class